

Readings and Music for

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026

Processional

“I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord”

H304

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The musical score for Psalm 23 is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below it. The accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters. [ANT.]
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [ANT.]
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. [ANT.]

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from the First Letter of Peter:

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Words: Benjamin Beddome, 1900 | Music: ABBEVILLE, by E.J. King, 1844

1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come
2. O, melt this fro - zen heart;
3. The prof - it will be mine,

5 With - en - er born - gy will di - vine,
This - stub - - - - - er born - gy will di - vine,
but - Thine shall be the praise;

9 And on this poor, be night - ed
Each e - vil pas - sion o - ver -
And un - to Thee will I de -

13 soul come, with beams of mer - cy shine.
vote and the form rem - nant of all a - new.
the rem - nant of of my days.

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arr. by Liz Janes for 'Help Me to Sing - Songs of the Sacred Harp (Disc 2)

Gospel

John 10:1-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Offertory “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *H645*

Communion “The Lord is My Shepherd” *L104*

Recessional “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing” *H205*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

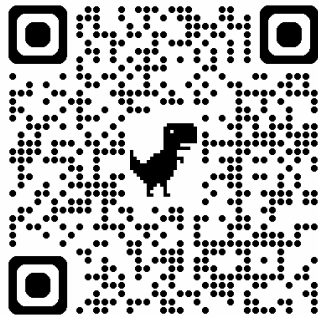
<i><u>This week at Transfiguration:</u></i>
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<i>Today</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Church/FB</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
	<i>Coffee Hour hosted by</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>11:15am</i>
	<i>Bruce & Marianne Dawson</i>		
<i>4/27</i>	<i>Daycare Board Meeting</i>	<i>Lower Chapel</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
<i>4/27-4/30</i>	<i>Rector Out of Office</i>		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

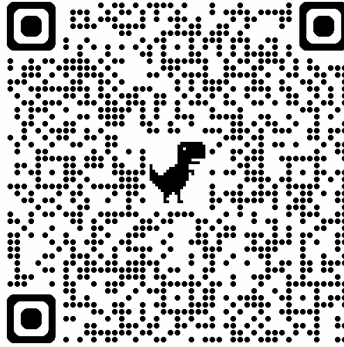
- **Rector Out of Office** – Hunter will be on vacation and out of the office this week.
- **Small Group Dinners** - Small Group Dinners are back! Sign up to enjoy a meal with 6–8 fellow parishioners at a local restaurant. Three dinners are scheduled for **May 16, June 27, and July 25**, and one lunch gathering will be held on **May 31st**. Groups and restaurants will be assigned one week prior to each date. Please contact Traci Dawodu with any questions.

- **Blessed and Unstressed: Women’s Day** - You've saved the date (May 2nd), and now, let's make sure you've added your name (and a friend) to the sign-up sheet no later than April 26th. There’s lots of planning to bring you a really fun and exciting day, a day that will include a storytelling workshop, card-making event with Meghann Andrew, event-themed raffle prizes, yummy lunch, and a book swap (bring a wrapped used or new book and then take a wrapped book). For more details, check out the event page on our website, using the QR code below.



- **Beds Plus** – Our Beds Plus Outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and write “Beds Plus” in the memo line. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at zottinger@gmail.com. Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the Shelter.

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Monday – Thursday 8:30AM to 2:30PM

Priest's Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 10Am to 3:00PM

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